OFFLEY OF STAFFORD
OFFLEY OF LONDON
OFFLEY OF MADELEY, STAFFS

ARMS:*Argent on a cross floretty azure a lion passant guardant or

CREST: A demi-lion rampant-guardant or holding an olive-branch vert fructed gold

The early account is contradictory. The M.I. below cannot have been erected earlier than the date of the will of Robert Offley (1596) and may not correctly identify the wives of William Offley.

William Offley of Stafford yeoman (living) 1455-6 [SHC NS4 96]

John OR Richard Offley of Stafford c1445-
m Margery .....; m2 ..... Dillarne of Stafford
(said to be son of Richard Offley)
chn: William Offley below

William Offley of Chester mercer c1475-
m1 c1500 ..... Dorington dau of ..... Dorington of Stafford c1457-.... [SLG]; d c1510
m2 c1515 Elizabeth Rogers(on) dau of William Rogers(on) of Chester c1460-1519 [SLG]; m2 J.... Wylde; (and had chn: Edward)
(Mayor OR Bailiff, Stafford) twice; (Alderman, Chester); (Sheriff, Chester) 1517; 1519 E (will of fil William Rogerson)
chn: Thomas Offley [1] b c1500 Stafford [will]; (aged 82) 1582 below
Margaret Offley [1] b c1501; m1 John Nechells of London merchant-taylor c1479-c1530 [SLG]; (? but had no chn); m2 c1532 Stephen Kirton of London merchant c1496-1553 [VIS.NORTHANTS.1618-9 184]; (and had chn: Grissel b c1533; Eleanor, Jane, Ann, Thomas b c1538; (aged 16) 1554, John) Will (PCC) 28 Oct 1571/5 Jun 1573 [?1574]; (then dead) 1580 bw
Isabel [? LATER Elizabeth] Offley [2] b c1503; m1 Thomas Blower of St Dunstan, London draper c1498-1551; (and had chn: Thomas, John); m2 ..... Amcotts; Will as Elizabeth[sic] Amcottes of London widow (London) 21 Sep 1576/29 Oct 1576
Margery [NOT Joan] Offley [3] b c1504; m1 Thomas Michell of London ironmonger ....-1527; (but had no chn); m2 [? p1532] James Leveson of Lilleshall, Salop c1500-1546 [SLG]
John Offley [2] b c1507 further below
[2] Robert Offley [3] b c1516 Chester; (of Gracechurch Street, London citizen and haberdasher); m ..... dau of [? Richard Brakin]; (and had chn: Ursula b c1552, Elizabeth, Robert): She m1 Nicholas Rose of London haberdasher; i 8 Oct 1572 St Benet Gracechurch Street, London: He i 29 Apr 1596 St Benet Gracechurch Street, London; Will (PCC) 9 Apr 1596/11 May 1596; (Merchant of the Staple); 1580 E bw
Thomas Offley [4] b c1522 Chester; (of London merchant); m 18 May 1552 St Peter Cornhill, London: Catherine Lewis; ("a rich and wealthy widow"); (and had chn: Robert c 21 Jul 1554 St Peter Cornhill, London; i 12 Sep 1574 St Andrew Undershaft, London, Mabel c 14 Mar 1556 St Peter Cornhill, London, Margery c 19 Oct 1563 St Peter Cornhill, London, Elizabeth c 2 Mar 1563.4? St Peter Cornhill, London; i 26 Nov ?1564 St Peter Cornhill, London, Richard b c1567; (educ. Merchant Taylor's School) 8 Mar 1574.5, Thomas i 4 Apr 1588 St Andrew Undershaft, London): She i 13 May 1612 St Andrew Undershaft, London: He i 1 Feb 1588.9 St Andrew Undershaft, London; (apprenticed to Stephen Kirton) 1551; (Warden, Merchant Taylors' Company); (probably died without surviving children)
Richard Offley [5] b c1532 Chester; (of St Mary Woolnoth, London merchant); m Jane Chester dau of Sir William Chester of London knight (Lord Mayor, London 1560-1) c1507-.... [VIS.BEDS 165] [VIS.LONDON.1568 1] ; (and had chn: Thomas, Richard, Robert, William, Martin c 19 Mar 1579.80 St Mary Woolnoth, Francis i 15 Aug 1581 St Mary Woolnoth, Hugh c 30 Dec 1581 St Mary Woolnoth; i 1 Feb 1581.2 St Mary Woolnoth, Elizabeth, Catherine, Jane, ?Margaret, Susan i 14 May 1583 St Mary Woolnoth): She i 29 Feb 1611.2 St Mary Woolnoth; Will (London) 23 Feb 1611.2/26 Mar 1612 [abstract GENEALOGIST XX 50]: He Adm (PCC) 28 Dec 1582 and 28 Nov 1583; (Master, Merchant Taylors' Company) 1572 1582; (Merchant of the Staple)

William Offley [6] b c1536 Chester; m 11 Feb 1565.6 St Lawrence Pountney: Ann Beswick dau of William Beswick of London draper (Alderman) [VIS.KENT.1619 152-3];
(and had chn:
William c 5 Nov 1570 St Lawrence Pountney, Ann c 28 Mar 1569 St Lawrence Pountney; i 17 Feb 1582.3 St Lawrence Pountney, Martha c 16 Aug 1573 St Lawrence Pountney; i 17 Feb 1582.3 St Lawrence Pountney, Elizabeth c 5 Nov 1579 St Lawrence Pountney, Margaret c 19 Aug 1582 St Lawrence Pountney, Robert c 30 Oct 1583 St Lawrence Pountney, Mary c 11 Sep 1586 St Lawrence Pountney):
She b cApr 1547; m2 7 Jun 1604 St Lawrence Pountney: Sir Henry Bromley of Holt Castle, Worcs knight c1552-1615 [SLG]; [? m3 10 Feb 1622.3 .....: John Thornborough (Bishop of Worcester) 1551-1641 [SLG] who is not mentioned in her will]; d 1 Jan 1628.9 aged 81 9m; i Holt; M.I.; Will (PCC) 1 Dec 1628/20 Feb 1629.30; He d Dec 1600; i 7 Jan 1600.1 St Lawrence Pountney; M.I.; Will (PCC) 21 Dec 1600/24 Dec 1600; (of St Lawrence Pountney, London merchant); (Merchant Taylor); (Merchant of the Staple); (fined for Sheriff and Alderman of London)
Hugh Offley [7] b c1540; m ..... Harding dau of Robert Harding (Sheriff of London, 1568); d 26 Nov 1594; Will (PCC) ..... to 29 Oct 1594/29 Nov 1594; (of London leatherseller); (Auditor) 1578-80; 1580 E bw; (Alderman, Vintry, London) 16 Aug 1588-94; (Sheriff, London) 1588-9.; (Alderman, Lime Street, London) 1594; (Treasurer, St. Thomas Hospital) 1577-9; (Master, Leathersellers) 1577-8 1585 [? see VIS.LONDON.1633-4 130]
Hugh Offley m a1580 Dorothy Greswolde dau of Roger Greswolde of London merchant c1520-.... [SLG] [? SAME PERSON]
Catherine Offley [4]
Ann Offley [5]
[CHECK GENEALOGIST FOR DETAILS OF LAST THREE CHN]

There is said to be a monument in St. Peter's Church, Chester, England, with the portraiture of a man and a woman kneeling. An inscription reads: "Here lyeth the body of William Offley sometymes Sheriff of the Citty, to whome by two wives, God gave for issue 26 children, among whom Sir Thomas Offley, his eldest son by his first wife Elizabeth Dillorne, attained to the dignity of Lord Mayor of London; his second son ohn Offley, to the mairlte of the Citty, ano 1553, to whome also by his second wife. Elizabeth Wright among other was born Hugh Offley, Alderman of London, who by his last will, gave unto the Corporacon of this Citty 200i. with an yearly rent of 51i to the relief of young Traders, & the poore of the same. and his eldest son by the same wife Robert Offley of London, by his last will gave 6001i to this Citty, for the like godly uses and reliefs of the poore, with an yearly exhibition of 51 towarde the trayning of some learned divine, being the son of a freeman of this Citty, in the uniusity of Oxford or Cambridge with 51 towarde his Charge commencing Mr of Arte in either of the said Schooles."

Sir Thomas Offley of London knight c1500-1582
b c1500 Stafford [will]
m c1527 [M.I.] Joan Nechells dau and heir of John Nechells of London merchant-taylor c1479-a1531 [SLG]; b c1510; (aged 21) 1530-1; i 20 Jan 1578.9 St Andrew Undershaft, London
d *aged 82* 29 Aug 1582; i 17 Sep 1582 St Andrew Undershaft, London; M.I. [WGS 20-1]; Will (PCC) 5 Aug 1580/24 Oct 1582; IPM 1582-3
(by purchase from Sir Edward Bray knight and his wife Joan dau and heir of Matthew Brown, lord of Madeley, Staffs) Jul 1547; (patron of Darlaston, Staffs) 1556; (by purchase from Robert Morgan of ?Mapleaton, Dorset, lord of Mucklestone+A) 19 Oct 1559; (educ. under William Lily at St Paul's School, London); (Master, Merchant Taylor's, London) 1547; (Alderman, London) 1549; (Sheriff, London) 1553-4; (a Moscow merchant) 1555 [WILLAN]; (Lord Mayor, London) 1556-7; (originated night bellmen in London); (knighted by Queen Elizabeth) 7 Feb 1556.7; (presented at Madeley) 1557 1567 1574; (made many charitable bequests); [? (Merchant-of-the-Staple, Calais)] [DNB]
chn: Henry Offley [1] b c1536; (aged 46) 1582 [IPM] <u>below</u>
Robert Offley [2] [? m Dorothy Smith dau of Sir John Smith of Wootton Wawen, Warwicks knight c1470-1540 [SLG]]; d *young*
.[son]. Offley [3] d young
[?] Richard Offley (living) 1573 [Clode II 173]

4 Apr 1547. Sir Ed. Bray and Dame Joan his wife and Ed. Bray their son sold for £1,280 to Sir Thomas Offley merchant-taylor and citizen of London the manor and Park of Madeley and the parsonage and vicarage of the same. [SHC 1909 268]

Henry Offley of London esquire c1536-1613
m1 7 Jul 1567 St Bartholomew Exchange, London: Mary White dau of Sir John White of London knight c1511-1573 (Lord Mayor of London, 1563-4); d 5 Feb 1607.8 London
m2 Elizabeth Clements; m2 Robert Butterton; 1645 w
d 3 Sep 1613 [VIS]; Will (PCC) 13 Nov 1612/6 Sep 1613; IPM 1613-4
(lord & patron of Madeley)
(factor for his father in the City of Bruges)
(aged 46) 1582 [IPM]
(Benefactor, Wolverhampton [Grammar] School)

chn: Thomas Offley [1] b 1568 [in VIS.LONDON.1568]; (20 years older than John); unm.; d *aged 16* c1584
Henry Offley [2] d *"in his Swadling clothes"*
John Offley [3] b c1587; (aged 27) 10 Feb 1613.4 [?IPM] below
Mary Offley d *young*; i *in the chancel* St Andrew Undershaft, London
[?] .[dau]. Offley m ..... Bulkeley; (and had chn: Ann); 1645 bw

Sir John Offley of Madeley, Staffs knight c1587-1645
m (settlement, May 1605) Ann Fuller 2nd dau of Nicholas Fuller of Chamber House, Berks (M.P., London); d *before her husband*
i Madeley [will]; Will (PCC) 4 Oct 1645/11 Dec 1645

(lord & patron of Madeley)
(settled the manor of Madeley on his son John) Jun 1641
(by gift of his father, held Dearnsdale in Bradley) 1605-16 [VCH]
(of Thistleworth, Middx)
(as 2nd son of Henry O. of London Esq., adm. Middle Temple) 19 Jan 1601.2 [MT]
(aged 27) 10 Feb 1613.4 [?IPM]
(as gentleman, named in the Visitation) *Aug 1614
(knighted at Theobald's) 25 Apr 1615
(Sheriff, Staffs) 1616-7
(presented at Darlaston) 1619
(M.P., Stafford) 1625 1626
(J.P., Staffs 1624-32)
(presented at Madeley & Mucklestone) 1635
(D.L., Staffs)
("a new capitalist")
(Gentleman of the Bedchamber to James I)

chn: John Offley b c1619; (aged 16) 1635; 1645 E fw below
Elizabeth Offley [1] m 1640 Sir Robert Jenney of Knoddishall, Suffolk knight c1610-1660 [BLG 1914] (1st son of Sir Arthur Jenney knight); (and had chn: Offley, [others]); 1645 fw
Ann Offley [2]
Catherine Offley [3] b c1623; m1 aged 21 (by licence, 16 Mar 1643.4) Thomas Willis of St Andrew, Holborn c1618-.... (son and heir apparent of Thomas Willis of the Inner Temple and Ash, Hants esquire); m2 William Willis (Colonel of Horse, Royalist Army) (bro of Sir Thomas Willis of Fen Ditton, Kent 1st Baronet ....-a1701 [..] [VIS.OXON.1669-75]); 1645 fw
Sarah Offley [4] m Peter Brown of London citizen

John Offley of Madeley, Staffs esquire c1619-1658
m1 (by licence, 13 Jul 1641) Dorothy Lidcott dau of Sir John Lidcott of Mousley, Surrey knight; (but had no chn)
m2 Mar 1647.8 Mary Broughton 3rd dau of Thomas Broughton of Broughton, Staffs c1586-1648 [SLG]; b 13 Dec 1622; 1658 ha; d *aged 95* 18 May 1718 Offerton, Cheshire; i Aston, Cheshire; M.I.
d 1658 [VIS]; Adm (PCC) 27 Oct 1658 to widow Mary

(aged 16, matric. Trinity, Oxford) 16 Oct 1635
(Sheriff, Staffs) 1649-50
(dedicatee of Isaak Walton's THE COMPLEAT ANGLER) ?1653
(his widow Mary, by purchase from Sir Francis Boynton of Barmston, Yorks 2nd Baronet, lord of Wychnor) 1661
(his widow presented at Darlaston) 1662
(his widow, as Mrs, 20 hearths, Madeley) 1666 HT
(his widow presented at Madeley) 1664
(his widow and son John presented at Mucklestone) 1666

chn:
[2] Mary Offley b 3 Feb 1649.50 [M.I.]; c 9 Feb 1649.50 Madeley; m Sir Willoughby Aston of Aston, Cheshire
2nd Baronet 1640-1702 **[SLG]**; d 22 Jan 1711.2; i Aston; M.I.
John Offley [1] c 22 Jan 1650.1 Madeley; (aged 13) 1663 below
Thomas Offley [2] c 23 Feb 1651.2 Madeley; (aged 12) 1663 further below
Henry Offley [3] c 9 Jun 1653 Madeley

John Offley of Madeley, Staffs esquire 1651-1688
c 22 Jan 1650.1 Madeley
m (by licence, 7 Apr) 24 Apr 1679 Utkinton, Cheshire: Ann Crewe 1st dau and eventual heir of John Crewe of Barthomley, Cheshire 1626-1684 [SLG]; b Sep 1649 Queen Street, London; d *aged 61* 15 May 1711; i Barthomley; M.I.
d Sep 1688; i Barthomley
(by right of his wife, of Crewe, Cheshire)
(aged 13) 1663
(owner of Madeley Park/Wychnor Park) c1665 [ERDESWICK (1844) xix-xxi]
(aged 16, matric. Christ Church, Oxford) 28 Mar 1667
(presented at Mucklestone) 1673 & 1682
(Sheriff, Staffs) 1679-80
(presented at Madeley)
1682
[? (committed prisoner to the tower) cSep 1685]
(his widow Ann presented at Ashley, Staffs) 1690
(his widow Ann presented at Barthomley, Cheshire) 1704
chn: John Offley [1] b 20 Sep 1681; c 16 Oct 1681 Madeley; (assumed the name of Crewe by Act of Parliament) 1708 **see CREWE**
Crewe Offley [2] c 14 Nov 1682 Madeley below
Mary Offley c 25 Sep 1684 Madeley; m 19 Aug 1701 Crewe Hall: Robert Needham 7th Viscount Kilmorey 1683-1710 [SLG]; d May 1765 aged 80 Windsor; Will (...) 20 Nov 1757/May 1765

Crewe Offley of Wychnor, Staffs esquire 1682-1739
c 14 Nov 1682 Madeley
m 2 May 1710 .....: Margaret Lawrence dau and heir of Sir Thomas Lawrence of Chelsea
... Baronet ....-.... [..]
d 28 Jun 1739 Wychnor; Will of Wychnor (PCC) 18 May to 22 May 1739/19 Jul 1739
(Gentleman of the Privy Chamber) Jul 1714-d
(M.P., Newcastle, Staffs) 1706-8 1709-10 1715-22
(M.P., Bewdley) 1722-7 1727-34
(presented at Wychnor) 1729
(inherited his grandmother's house at Wychnor and built a house there)
(had a park at Wychnor stocked with deer) *1735 [PARL]
chn: John Offley b c1718 below
Laurence Offley b c1719; (adm. fell-commoner, Clare, Cambs) 11 Nov 1736; 1739 fw; unm.; d 1749 aged 30; Adm (PCC) 2 Nov 1749 [VENN]

John Offley of Wychnor, Staffs esquire c1718-1764
b c1718
unm.
d *aged 66* 3 Apr 1784; Will (PCC) 8 Nov 1783/3 Apr 1784

(sold Wychnor Hall etc to John Levett of Lichfield) 1765
(a pupil of Samuel Johnson at Edial Hall, Lichfield) 1736
(M.P., Bedford) 1747-54
(presented at Wychnor) 1747
(M.P., Orford) 1754-68
(M.P., East Retford) 1768-74
[PARL]

Thomas Offley of Lee in Armitage, Staffs 1652-1685
c 23 Feb 1651.2 Madeley 2nd son of John Offley of Madeley, Staffs esquire c1619-1658 [SLG]
m 3 Aug 1674 Eccleshall: Frances Lane 8th dau of John Lane of Bentley, Staffs 1609-1667 [SLG]; (a widow) 1685
d 1685; Will (PCC) 20 Jun 1683/1 Jun 1685
(aged 12) 1663; (matric. Christ Church, Oxford) 5 May 1668; [for his children see GENEALOGIST NS XIX 220] [SIMMS]
chn: Frances Offley c 26 Jul 1675 Eccleshall; m Philip Egerton D.D. (Rector, Astbury, Cheshire)
John Offley [1] b 7 Dec 1676 Eccleshall [IGI]; (matric. Brasenose, Oxford) 19 May 1694
Thomas Offley
Henry Offley
Walter Offley b c1680; d 20 Jul OR 18 Aug 1721; (matric. Oriel, Oxford) 15 Jul 1699; (B.A.) 1705; (M.A.) 1709; (Rector, Mucclestone, Staffs) 1702-d; (Rector, Barthomley, Cheshire) 1704-d; (Canon, Lichfield) 1715; (Prebendary, Longdon, Lichfield) 16 Jun 1721-d; (Dean, Chester) 1718 [SIMMS]
Charles Offley c 26 Apr 1682 Armitage; (aged 16[sic], matric. Oriel, Oxford) 23 Mar 1701.2; (B.A.) 6 Mar 1706.7 [SIMMS]
Jervis Offley c 17 May 1683 Armitage; d in infancy; i Armitage
Edward Offley c 25 Nov 1684 Armitage; (matric. Queen's, Oxford) 18 Dec 1704

John Offley of Madeley, Staffs gentleman c1507-
b c1507 2nd son of William Offley of Chester mercer 1475-.... [SLG]
m Alice .....; (living) 5 Aug 1580; d before her husband
(Sheriff, Chester) 1544; (Mayor, Chester) 1553; (of Madeley, Staffs) Nov 1561; (living) 5 Aug 1580
chn: Walter Offley [1] b Madeley; d young
Jane Offley [1] m Richard Gall of London (a public notary)
Elizabeth Offley [2] m1 John Austin of "The Grange", Staffs "a rich farmer who died without issue"; m2 Philip Bellot (of Great Moreton, Cheshire) c1532-.... [SLG]
Ann Offley [3] m Thomas Unwin of Clough, Staffs c1540-.... [SLG]
Eleanor Offley [4] m John Weston of Madeley, Staffs c1543-.... [SLG]
Mary Offley [5] m ..... Twyne "learned in the law"

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*1583; *1614/64; *1664/1700; IGI; SHC 1909 204-5; VIS.LONDON.1568 64; CHECK: JOHNSONIAN GLEANINGS V; Bower, G.C. and H.W.F. Harwood PEDIGREE OF OFFLEY in GENEALOGIST NS XIX 217-31; NS XX 49-?? and pages 84 ??? (and continued in further volumes ???) (4/1/05)

OFFLEY OF BISHOPS OFFLEY IN ADBASTON, STAFFS

ARMS:

CREST:

Sir Cyprian Offley of Bishops Offley in Adbaston, Staffs
(a juror) Oct 1203
chn: William Offley below

William Offley of Bishops Offley in Adbaston, Staffs
(granted land in Grimescroft to the canons of Ranton)

Henry Cresswell

William Chatcull

John Prato

John Muriel

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c1532 FAS []; *1583 []; *1614/64 []; *1664/1700 []; IGI []

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